



March 17, 2020

Governor Steven Sisolak  
State Capitol Building  
101 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sisolak,

Based upon your call today with our group of hospital leaders from both Northern and Southern Nevada regarding efforts to mitigate the effects of the current CoVID 19 pandemic, The Valley Health System adds its strongest support for the recommendations discussed on the call.

We urge you to strongly consider calling for the closure of non-essential businesses (i.e. bars, restaurants, gyms, theaters, salons and spas) that have a significant possibility of extending the local spread of the COVID-19 virus, until such time that we can determine it is in the best interests of the public to allow these venues to re-open.

As a healthcare provider, we have taken steps to severely restrict visiting hours and continually evaluate the need for elective and non-urgent surgeries in order to free up staff and conserve needed supplies for the anticipated influx of patients that being projected. We will remain in contact with your office to discuss shared concerns and information.

We fully understand the ramifications of such a decision, but we strongly believe it is the best opportunity to diminish the spread of this virus at the present time. This will allow our hospitals and emergency departments the greatest chance of caring for patients who will require a hospital level of care and treatment.

Our hospitals and staff are prepared to meet the needs of our community, as always, and will benefit from any assistance such a decision will have on our capabilities to respond.

We appreciate your efforts on behalf of all Nevadans to ensure the resources we need to combat this outbreak, and stand ready to work with you to the utmost of our capabilities.

Sincerely,

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